

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract at Page 54 of the specification as follows:

Methods of producing a ~~To provide a highly~~ safe and hygienic method for industrially and efficiently producing a perovskite-type composite oxide ~~at low temperatures in heat treatment, in which the resulting perovskite-type composite oxide~~ are provided that can maintain the catalytic activity of a noble metal at a high level.

Methods include preparing a precursor of the perovskite-type composite oxide by mixing organometal salts of elementary components of the perovskite-type composite oxide and heat treating the precursor. The precursor may be prepared by mixing over a long time, in a method for producing a perovskite type composite oxide, a perovskite type composite oxide is produced by mixing organometal salts of all elementary components constituting the perovskite-type composite oxide to prepare a precursor of the perovskite-type composite oxide, or by mixing one or more organometal salts of part of the elementary components constituting the perovskite type composite oxide with the other elementary components prepared as alkoxides of the respective elements, a coprecipitate of salts, of the respective elements or a citrate complex of the respective elements to prepare a precursor of the perovskite type composite oxide, and heat treating the precursor of the perovskite type composite oxide.